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FOR PETER BOURNE (WHITE HOUSE) FROM MAYNES

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: WHO OVIP  
SUBJ: WHO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S PROPOSED CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

REF: GENEVA 5892

1. I NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE TENTATIVELY ARRANGED FOR WHO DIRECTOR GENERAL DR. MAHLER TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT IN EARLY AUGUST. IT MAY BE THAT YOUR PLANS ARE ALREADY TOO FAR ALONG FOR THERE TO BE ANY CHANGE BUT IN THE EVENT THIS IS NOT THE CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.

2. OF ALL THE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHO MIGHT CALL ON THE PRESIDENT, DR. MAHLER IS AMONG THOSE MOST DESERVING OF THE HONOR. THE WORK OF WHO IS IMPORTANT AND MAHLER'S PERSONAL QUALITIES ARE IMPRESSIVE. ANDY YOUNG HAS RECENTLY MET WITH MOST OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCY HEADS AND RANKED MAHLER AT THE VERY TOP.

3. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL PROBLEM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE WHICH A MAHLER CALL ON THE PRESIDENT WILL  
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INEVITABLY CAUSE WITH THE OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. M'BOW, UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL, HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO INQUIRE ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. AN AFRICAN, M'BOW IS CONVICTED THAT THE CONGRESS IS REFUSING TO APPROPRIATE OUR UNESCO DUES BECAUSE IT IS TRYING TO PUNISH THE FIRST BLACK AFRICAN TO HEAD A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY. HE IS QUITE EMOTIONAL ABOUT WHAT HE REGARDS AS AN EXAMPLE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND WE

CAN EXPECT HIM TO PRESS URGENTLY FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IF MAHLER IS ACCORDED THIS HONOR. THE HEADS OF THE OTHER MAJOR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES -- BLANCHARD FROM THE ILO AND JAOMA FROM FAO -- WILL ALSO INSIST ON EQUAL TREATMENT. THE LATTER IN PARTICULAR IS A PROUD LEBANESE WHO ALSO THINKS THE CONGRESS IS "AFTER HIM" AND WHO SIMPLY WILL NOT UNDERSTAND A DECISION NOT TO ACCORD HIM THE SAME TREATMENT. WITH THE PROSPECT OF THE U.S. LEAVING THE ILO, BLANCHARD CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A STRONG CASE FOR A VISIT.

4. WITH THESE SPECIAL FACTORS IN MIND, I THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP SOME SPECIAL REASON WHY THE PRESIDENT SHOULD SEE MAHLER IF HE AGREED TO DO THIS. THE THOUGHT OCCURS TO ME THAT IT WOULD MAKE MUCH MORE SENSE FOR MAHLER TO SEE THE PRESIDENT AFTER RPT AFTER YOU HAVE DEVELOPED SOME SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL HEALTH POLICIES AS PART OF YOUR TASK FORCE EFFORT ON THIS SUBJECT. THEN THE MEETING COULD BE MORE THAN A COURTESY CALL. MAHLER WOULD BE SEEING THE PRESIDENT TO DISCUSS HOW WHO COULD RELATE EFFECTIVELY TO THE NEW WORK IN THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH FIELD WHICH THE US WAS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE.

5. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH YOU WHEN I RETURN TO WASHINGTON THE WEEK OF JULY 27.  
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